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THE

SUFFERINGS

OF

Blessed JESUS.

THE

Sacrament in Remembrance of

HIM;

AND

What he Did and Suffered for Us.

With a Short Discourse, shewing,

What is The

Sin against the Holy Ghost.

THE SUFFERINGS OF THE BLESSED JESUS.

Luke xxii. Verse 15.

With Desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

HERE *is love to be admired, that our blessed Lord and Saviour, who at that time, was going to take a bitter cup for us, that if all the angels in heaven had drank but one drop of it, they would not have stood one moment; and the blessed Jesus that was our surety, and did it at such a time, when he was just departing the world, that we may never forget him when he breaks the bread, and takes cup, speaks to them with words so full of love:*

As often as you celebrate, and meet to perform this duty, do not forget me your Lord and Saviour, that am now to going mount the ſtage to ſatisfy my father's juſtice for your ſins, or elſe you muſt be all eternally damn'd, and all the people in the world go to hell, where the devil is the jaylor, hell, the priſon, eternity the term, and your bodies the fuel that muſt endure eternal flames.

This is the portion of all the people in the world, If the bleſſed Jeſus will not come from heaven, and take our nature upon him, and ſuffer in our ſtead; all the angels in heaven could not ſatisfy for our ſouls; the bleſſed Jeſus muſt do it, or elſe we are undone for ever. For all the angels were ſent to comfort him, he was in an agony, he prayed more earneſtly, his ſweat were like drops of blood, falling down to the ground. Let us therefore, ſtand amazed at the love of this bleſſed Jeſus.

Secondly, He ſaid unto them who were his diſciples, Remember that I am the ſon of God, that I am your Lord and Saviour, that am now going to drink the bitter cup of his father's wrath, and you will all leave me and forſake me, Mark xiv. 50. *I muſt ſtand all alone to drink this bitter cup of poiſon for you all: my ſoul is exceeding ſorrowful, even unto death,* Matt. xxvi. 38. *I have prayed three times to God my father, that he will not let me drink this dreadfull cup of poiſon, to make ſatisfaction for the ſins of the world: If God my father will not let it paſs, I will drink it,* Matt. xxvi. 29.

Peter sees his Lord and master full of sorrow, he comes to him; and makes large promises that he would live and die with his Lord, and go to prison with him, Luke xxii. 23.. *The blessed Jesus tells Peter, Satan desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: As if he should say, Peter before the cock crows thrice you will deny me.—When the Lord Jesus leaves us to stand in our own strength, how quickly are we gone.*

Thirdly, The blessed Jesus endured great sufferings, Luke xxii. 42. *And his sweat was as great drops of blood, falling down to the ground. In this chapter they blindfolded him, they stroaked him on the face, and mocked him: Here is love, that the blessed Jesus did endure and suffer for us. No sorrows in the world can be compared to the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all that he did undergo to keep us from that dreadful place of hell. The blessed Jesus is made a mock and a game of by Herod, who array'd him in gorgeous robes; nothing but jeers, mocks, and scoffs; he must be the laughing stock of all.*

And see the behaviour of the blessed Lord and Saviour, and his sweet words for his great enemies; Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. Luke xxiii. 24. Mat. xxvi. 27, *And so he must be scourged, stripped of a scarlet robe, having a crown of thorns put upon his precious head; they mocked him, they spit upon him, took the reed and smote him on the head, they led him away, and crucified him; nailed him to the cross, put him to all the torments they could invent against him; gave him vinegar and gall to drink.—How the Son of God,*

the great creator of heaven and earth is abuſed by wicked ſinners, when he came down from heaven to ſhed his moſt precious blood, to ſave the worſt and greateſt of them all.

Now, in the fourth place, Conſider what the Sacrament is:—Our bleſſed Saviour gave the bleſſed Sacrament juſt before he was going to ſuffer theſe great torments of his ſoul and body for us; as he was a man he ſuffered for us, That the ſeed of the woman ſhould break the ſerpent's head, which was the bleſſed Jeſus, and as he was God, he has ſatisfied the juſtice of God his Father for the ſins of the world.

Now we can go to God, and hold up our hands at the bar, and plead, Not guilty:—For our Saviour died and ſuffered for our ſins, God is reconciled to us with his moſt precious blood, not with ſilver and gold; therefore we are to glorify God in our ſouls and bodies, which are the Lord's.

Now let every one of us look into the ſufferings of the bleſſed Jeſus, what he has done for us; then may we ſay, Pſalm cxxvi. 3 *God has done great things for us. We will rejoice and be glad, and remember our bleſſed Lord and Saviour,*

Fifthly, Let us ſtand amazed, the very heavens put themſelves in mourning at the death of our bleſſed Lord and Saviour, Mat. xxvii. 43. *Can we approach the Lord's table; and ſee the bread broke, and the wine poured out, it muſt needs put us in mind to remember the ſufferings of our bleſſed Saviour.—The Lord Jeſus had a great deſire to eat the paſſover with his diſciples before he ſuffered; here is the hearty love of him to his diſciples.*

And when he breaks the bread, and pours out the wine, This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me, Luke xx. 14. *And so on.*

Now when we come to receive the bleſſed Sacrament, we muſt remember that the bleſſed Jeſus was in heaven with God, before the world began, John xvii. 5. *And the Lord Jeſus knew all things that he muſt ſuffer for us, to keep us from Hell, and we ſhould not forget this bleſſed Jeſus; he left this legacy behind, that we might never forget him, and that he has ſatisfied the juſtice of God his father for our ſins, left five jewels for us, more worth than ten thouſand worlds.*

By his cruel death he promiſed for us, and all his children,

Firſt, Peace.

Secondly, A general pardon for our ſins.

Thirdly, Salvation for our ſouls.

Fourthly, Eternal life.

And Fifthly, An everlaſting kingdom.

Theſe are the things we are to remember of our bleſſed Jeſus; and none could do this but him, who is the Son of God.— Theſe things are not to be had with ſilver nor with gold, but by his moſt precious bloud 1 Pet. i. 19.

Now conſider whether thou haſt not great reaſon to remember this bleſſed Jeſus, that has given thee a general pardon for thy ſins, ſalvation for thy ſoul, eternal life, and after death an everlaſting kingdom. —— This is the ſum and ſubſtance of the bleſſed ſacrament.

Every person ought to remember these rich jewels are given to all true beleivers, by the blessed Jesus. Now be sure when I go to meet the blessed Jesus, I will wash my hands in innocency; so will I compass thy altar, O Lord! Psal. xxvi. 6.

The blessed Jesus has shewed me in the sacrament, pleasures to be found for evermore. Now may not all sinners say, The Lord has done great things for us; this is known in all the world. Isa. xii. 5. *What would you think if a person was invited to a great person's house to dinner, and should come to his table all lousy, with dirty hands and face, you would not admit of such a nasty person to come near you? blessed is it not worse to see men and women go to the their sacrament, and after receiving it go home with your hearts full of envy and malice against their neighbours as they were before. This makes persons to be unworthy receivers.—Come thou to the Lord's table with a pure heart, and with clean hands; and when you are at the Lord's table admire what the Lord Jesus saw in you or me, to suffer such a cursed death, as he did for us.*

6thly, *The Lord Jesus purchased for us peace* John xvi7. *Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you.*

There is no peace but that which comes from the Lord Jesus, Isa. ix. 6. *He is called the Prince of peace.*

——*The Lord* Jesus *by his death, and most precious blood, purchased for us a general pardon for our sins.* John i. 29. *Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world*, John i. 7. *The blood of the Lord* Jesus Christ *his son cleanseth us from all sin,*

There is none but Christ and his Blood can free us from all our sins; no salvation but from Christ.

In the next place, 'tis our Lord Jesus Christ *must give us eternal life,* John 17. 23. *God gave the Lord* Jesus *over all flesh, that he should give eternal life; and it is eternal life to know God, and the Lord* Jesus Christ. *The righteous shall have eternal life given to them by the blessed* Jesus, Mat. 25. 46. *Happy are such as live in God's house, they shall praise him eternally, world without end. Happy are the clean in heart, for they shall see God, Ver.* 5. *The Lord* Jesus *gives his poor children an everlasting kingdom after death,* 1 Pet. 1. 15. *A kingdom to all eternity, a glorious kingdom, a kingdom without end, a kingdom without measure, a kingdom of bliss, a kingdom of God himself; all the joys, riches, and glories of heaven; and all these shall be given you by your Lord and Saviour.*

Seventhly, Now let us consider, whether that day that our blessed Jesus *suffered such torments for us, may not very well be called Good-Friday?—It was a good day to us, that the blessed* Jesus *delivered us from everlasting torments. Well might St. Paul say, The Lord* Jesus *hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.* Gal. 3. 13.—*And a Good-Friday to Peter, that he that had denied his blessed Lord and Saviour should not be forgot by him, but looked on with an eye of pity and compassion; and after the resurrection, the angel said to Mary Magdalen, tell his disciples and Peter, that he goeth before into Gallilee, where they shall see him, so* 16. 7. Mark.—*W expressed the love of our bless-*

ea Jeſus—*Though Peter forgot Chriſt, Chriſt would not forget Peter.*

What comfort is here for ſinners? For though e y deny and forſwear him, as Peter did, when the angel came to declare the reſurrection of Chriſt, Go your way, tell his diſciples, and Peter. Well might St. Paul cry'd aloud, If any one love not our Lord Jeſus *let him be accurſed. Who can prize the Lord* Jeſus *enough for his love for ſinners?*

Eighthly, What ſhall we do for this our Lord and Saviour? So let us love him, let us prize him, like Mary, who left all her friends to ſet at the feet of this Lord Jeſus; *let us be like them in the ſecond epiſtle of St.* John, *that great Lady and her children, who loved the ways of the Lord* Jeſus.

Would to God there were more ſuch great ladies, and ſuch great perſon's children to love this Lord Jeſus; *For he came in love, ſkipping over the mountains, to ſuffer a curſed ignominious death, to free us from everlaſting burnings. Can we ever love this Lord* Jeſus *enough?——Let us hold him faſt, and not let him go; let us carry him to our mother's houſe, and ſhew him to all our relations, what a ſweet Lord* Jeſus *we have; let us not let him ſtand knocking at the door, leſt we loſe this bleſſed, this lovely, this precious, this tender Lord* Jeſus, *who would have us come to the throne of grace, that we may be happy after death.*

Some people will ſay, The ſacrament is a hard duty, and if I eat or drink unworthily, I eat and drink my own damnation. There is no ſuch thing to unworthy receivers; but all Perſons muſt conſider, the Corin-

thians made themſelves drunk, lived, and continued a wicked life.——Such as theſe, ſome very ſick, many were aſleep, many were ſtruck dead, for coming unprepared to the ſacrament.

Is this to remember the bleſſed Jeſus, what he did and ſuffered for you? Are you reſolved to be a worthy receiver, and accepted by thy bleſſed Saviour? Thou muſt forgive all perſons that have done thee any great injuries in the world: This did our bleſſed Lord and Saviour to them that took away his life, Luke, xxiii 34. Father, forgive them; they know not what they do, Acts vii. 60.

St. Stephen forgave them that murdered him:—Follow the example of thy Saviour with Stephen, and go with a pure heart and clean hands, and thou wilt be accepted, and be a worthy receiver at the Lord's table.

To eat the fleſh, and drink the blood of Chriſt, is to feed on the merits of Chriſt, is to plead how the blood and fleſh of Chriſt has made ſatisfaction for our ſin. This is the ſpiritual food to the ſoul. Let us never forget Good Friday, how the bleſſed Jeſus did this day bleed himſelf to death on the curſed croſs, to keep us from everlaſting torment, and to make a full ſatisfaction for all our ſins.

Ought we not to remember the Lord Jeſus when we come to the ſacrament, what he has ſuffered for us?—This day his bleſſed hands and feet were nailed to the croſs to ſet us at liberty, and to purchaſe for us a general pardon.

The ſacrament was left by this bleſſed Saviour; for every one to remember him, and what he did for us,

before he departed out of this world, to comfort us therein,

First, The Lord Jesus *gave us peace,*

Secondly, A general pardon for our sins.

Thirdly, Salvation for our Souls.

Fourthly, Eternal life.

Fifthly, And after death an everlasting Kingdom.

I name these again; and this is the sum and substance of the blessed sacrament.

Thus we are to remember our blessed Saviour; for this he purchased for us by the cruel death he died for our sins, and who was delivered for our sins, and raised again for our justification. Now let us never forget this Lord Jesus, *who left us the blessed sacrament to comfort us in this vale of tears.*

In a word, it may be said, that some persons do eat and drink, in some sense, damnation. Do you, before you go to the blessed sacrament, live in drunkenness, swearing, lying, in malice against your neighbour, or in all manner of wickedness?——Then come from the blessed sacrament, live and continue in these sins, it may very well be said, You eat and drink damnation to your own souls. This was the sin of the Corinthians, not discerning the Lord's body, making no difference between bread and wine that is consecrated, and that which is not consecrated.——Let every true believer set a high price on the bread and wine we receive in remembrance of our blessed Saviour.—I thought it conveniant to name this at the end of this little book.

For the Lord's sake do not forget Belshazzar, what a dreadful judgement from God came on him, in pro-

ſaning the temple of the true God; how ſeverly did God puniſh'd him for it, as you may read in the 5th Chapter of Daniel.

I. If the ſacrament is a hard duty, as ſome perſons ſay it is, by this you make your Lord to be a very hard maſter, and to leave us a duty and command for us to remember our Lord and Saviour; if we are not able to do it, 'tis becauſe the devils great maſter-piece perſuades people they are not prepared to go to the Lord's table; and ſo keep us from meeting our bleſſed Saviour. The Lord Jeſus tells you, This day all things are ready; now come. If thou wilt have thy excuſes, have a care if the bleſſed Saviour calls thee or me again.

Queen Eſther invited King Ahaſuarus to a banquet, and when we are invited by the Son of God, the great creator of the heaven and earth, the ſecond Perſon of the glorious Trinity, the Kings of Kings, and Lord of Lords, the bleſſed Saviour that left you this legacy the very night when he was going to mount the ſtage to make you everlaſtingly happy. Do not let us ſay, 'Tis a hard duty, for his yoke is eaſy, and his burden is light; his ways are the ways of peace and pleaſantneſs.

And if all men and women would remember the dying words of their Lord and Saviour, how he bled himſelf to death, that we might not die eternally.—— And alſo how our ſins made him cry out in the anguiſh of his ſoul, my God, My God, why haſt thou forſaken me?——If perſons reſorted oftener to the Lord's table, there would be abundance of more love, than is at this day among many people.

II. How dare any man or woman to ſay, The ſacrament is a hard duty, and I am not prepared.—

the blessed Jesus *had not come from heaven, to have suffered such a cursed death, to have satisfied the justice of God for our sins, you and I must have eternally endured flames with the devil and his angels to all eternity. Now consider what a hard duty it was to your Lord and Saviour, he comes swimming in blood to you and me; when he saw the cup of poison, he must drink the cup of his fathers wrath, to put him in a gore of blood; his sweat was great drops of blood. ——He must be scourged, mocked, beat on the face, crowned with thorns, blindfolded, sent from place to place to be jeered; and to be their game; his precious hands and feet nailed to the cursed cross, his precious side pierced, out of which came water and blood.*

Never was any sorrow like this, or can be compared to what the blessed Jesus *suffered or endured: and in his greatest extremity no cordial for him to drink but gaul and vinegar, a very poor cordial for the Son of God to drink! The very heavens put themselves in mourning, and the earth quaked; the vail of the temple was rent at the sufferings of the blessed* Jesus. *O what did he suffer and endure to satisfy the justice of God for our sins? None could endure or suffer these torments but the son of God, and if the blessed* Jesus *had not suffered all these torments for us, we had endured eternal flames.—This was a hard duty, this was a hard work, for the blessed* Jesus *to suffer this shameful, cursed, ignominious, and painful death, to purchase for us a crown of glory, a throne of Majesty a paradise, a piece of pleasure for everlasting.*

III. How dare any man or woman to say, The blessed sacrament a is hard duty, and I amnot pre-

red to ga it ?——All that the Lord Jeſus commands or requires of us is this, to remember his ſufferings has ſatisfied the juſtice of God for our ſins ; that his moſt precious blood has redeemed us from eternal flames. He come for this end and purpoſe to ſhed his moſt precious blood for a general pardon of our ſins, ſalvation for our ſouls, eternal life, an eternal habitation ; the tongue of man is not able to expreſs what the Lord Jeſus has done for us.

Thus he would have all of us remember, what he ſuffered for us ; and that after death, he has provided an everlaſting habitation ; this alſo the Lord Jeſus would have us remember when we are at the ſacrament. Is this a hard duty for thee to remember him, bleſſed Lord and Saviour ?—If earthly kings ſhould give pardon to a traytor, he ought to remember thy though his life is but temporal ; but much more ought you to remember our bleſſed Saviour, that has given you and me a general pardon for our ſins.

This cannot be called a hard duty, to remember the rich cordial and legacy that the Lord Jeſus left us.

For God's ſake let us not forget the dying words of our bleſſed Saviour, to remember what he ſuffered and endured :——Let us meet him often, and give him thanks ; and at the ſacrament let us ſay, I will love thee, my ſweet Lord Jeſus, my Saviour and Redeemer.

O fooliſh men and women as we are ! to ſlight the love of our bleſſed Jeſus, that left us this ſacrament to our comfort. What do you think he will do to you, when he brings you home to his Kingdom ? Let us love, rejoice, and praiſe the Lord Jeſus ; in whom are pleaſures for evermore.

A Short Diſcourſe, ſhewing, What is the Sin againſt the Holy Ghoſt.

1 John v. 16.

There is a Sin unto Death, I do not ſay that ye ſhall pray for it.

THIS ſin muſt be the ſin againſt the Holy Ghoſt, the 12th of Jeſus in the 12th of Matthew, was caſting out devils; but the phariſees ſaid he caſt them out by Belzebub, the Prince of the Devils. Our Saviour aſked them by whom did their children do it? Therefore they ſhall be your Judges.—Their children did belong to Chriſt our Saviour, who comes, and doth convince them that it was not ſo, and that the devil's kingdom would not ſtand, a houſe or city divided could not ſtand, but muſt come to ruin, deſolation and deſtruction.

Secondly, It is the great token that God did give to ſatisfy the world, that the Lord Jeſus was the Saviour of the world, that he was the Son of God, by the great miracles he did; for the very devils did own him to be the Son of God; and though the diſciples did great miracles, yet ſtill they did them in Chriſt's name, whom the devils were obedient to.

Thirdly, There are ſeveral opinions about this ſin;—Some ſay it is ſuch as murder themſelves; this is not the ſin, becauſe that is not blaſphemy. Some will ſay, it is when people go againſt their conſcience, and ſin againſt light; this is not, for God is much greater. Some ſay it was the ſin of Judas; that cannot be, becauſe he did repent, and thoſe who are guilty of this ſin cannot repent. All other ſins that ever were committed may be forgiven; but this ſin againſt the Holy Ghoſt can never be forgiven. Some ſay it is David's of ſins murder and adultery but that cannot be, for he did repent and was pardoned. Some ſay it was the ſin of Manaſſeth; he uſed enchantments and whichcrafts, and dealt with familiar ſpirits, and lived in all manner of wickedneſs; but he never committed this Sin againſt the Holy Ghoſt, for he repented, and God did pardon him upon the ſame; but ſurely never was a greater ſinner in the world.

Fourthly, this is the Sin: The great token God gave to ſatisfy the world, that the Lord Jeſus was the Saviour of it, and the only Saviour of it, was the great miracles that he did; for none but the creator of the world could do ſuch miracles as he performed. The phariſees came with ſpite and malice againſt the Lord Jeſus, and reſiſted the ſpirit of God, and ſaid, The Lord Jeſus did theſe miracles by Belzebub, the prince of the devils and by witchcraft and Conjuration. Pray read in Mark iii. 28, 29, 30. Verily I ſay unto you, all ſins ſhall be forgiven to the ſons of men, and blaſphemies, where withſoever they ſhall blaſpheme; but he that ſhall blaſpheme againſt the Holy Ghoſt, hath never forgiveneſs, but is in danger of eternal damnation; becauſe they ſaid, he had an unclean ſpirit.

They ſaid, the Lord Jeſus had a devil in him, and what he did, he did in power and authority of devils. God will not give repentance, and ſo ſuch will never be forgiven in this world, nor that which is to come, but they ſhall be eternally damned. But I hope none in England are guilty of this ſin; As to believe the bleſſed Jeſus did caſt out devils by Belzebub the Prince of the devils; and our bleſſed Jeſus to have a devil in him: This is the ſin againſt the Holy Ghoſt.

Let us now ſtand amazed at the love of our bleſſed Saviour, that when he was going to drink the bitter cup, he would not forget us, but left us this bleſſed ſacrament that we might not forget him; that he had ſatisfied the juſtice of his father for our ſins.—When we come to the Lord's Table, let us admire the riches of the love of our bleſſed Saviour, what he ſuffered for us in his ſoul and body, and left us this rich and ſweet cordial, that we may never forget him, but go to the bleſſed ſacrament with joy and comfort to meet him.—We have great need to frequent the Lord's Table often, and to underſtand what the bleſſed ſacrament is, and how we ought to behave ourſelves in the preſence of our bleſſed Saviour.

Never neglect coming to this bleſſed ſacrament as often as you conveniently can, with a true, penitent, and obedient heart; never relying on your own merits, but on the merits of our bleſſed Saviour, to whom be all honour and glory, might, majeſty and dominion now, and for ever, Amen.

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